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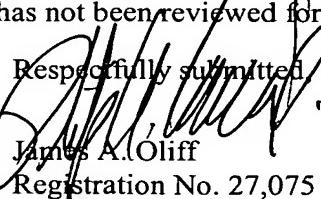
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- 2. Relevance of reference 11 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. The references 1-10 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2, 6, 8 and 9 are attached hereto.
- 6. A computer-generated English language translation of Japanese Patent Publications 2 and 9 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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